



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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May 31, 2013

UCAB Holds Annual Meeting

Monday, June 10 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) will hold their annual meeting that features the presentation of their annual report to the County Executive and discussion about expected issues and opportunities in the coming year. The annual report will be posted on the website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty the following day.

The public is invited!

A reception with light refreshments will follow the meeting.

Join Us at Montgomery County's Hackathon

Saturday, June 1 3:30pm – 9:00pm

University of Shady Grove, Building Three

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850



The County's [Hack for Change Hackathon](#) will be part of the first annual [National Day of Civic Hacking](#) that is designed to leverage the power of public data with the expertise of residents and entrepreneurs in finding technology solutions for the common good. Other agencies hosting civic hacking events on that date include the White House, NASA, the Census Bureau, HHS, FEMA, the National Archives and departments of Labor and Energy.

The Montgomery County event will offer County residents a unique opportunity to get involved and improve community life by developing new applications for smart phones and other devices.

Register at <http://www.eventstir.com/events/montgomery-county-hackathon>.

Software development skills are not a requirement for participation!

Hurricane & Summer Storm Season Starts in June!

Get information on how to be prepared ----

The National Weather Service has declared this week as Hurricane Preparedness Week since June traditionally starts the hurricane and summer storm season. Be prepared! Get information at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9519

Montgomery County Planning Board Hires New Planning Director (*Press release*)

"The Montgomery County Planning Board has selected a new planning director, placing a professional who has held top planning jobs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and our own Montgomery County Planning Department at the helm of the county's 150-member planning department. **Gwen Wright** will begin directing the department on July 1, 2013. 'We are thrilled to announce Gwen Wright as our new director,' said Planning Board Chair Françoise Carrier. 'Ms. Wright's combination of experiences in Montgomery County and Alexandria and her background in architecture will provide the vision and leadership we seek in a planning director.'

The Planning Board has been vetting planning director candidates for several months since the departure of its previous director, Rollin Stanley, in May 2012. The search process resulted in a number of qualified candidates who were considered before the Board made its final selection.

Ms. Wright was with the Montgomery County Planning Department from 1987 to 2008, most recently as Acting Director of the Department and prior to that as Chief of Countywide Planning. Currently, she is Chief of the Development Division at the City of Alexandria, Virginia's Department of Planning and Zoning. She has a degree in Architecture and Architectural History from Yale University. Ms. Wright has been a speaker at the national conferences of the American Planning Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a university instructor in planning and zoning and preservation, and a board member of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions.

As planning director, Ms. Wright will oversee a department responsible for making recommendations to the board on master plans, development applications, forest conservation, historic preservation, and a host of other land-use issues.

The Planning Board wishes to thank Rose Krasnow for her exceptional efforts as Acting Planning Director since Mr. Stanley's departure. We are extremely grateful for her management expertise, her unfailing professionalism and her willingness to serve in this demanding position."

Give a Year of Service to Your County!

--- A message from the County's Community Engagement Cluster

We have an exciting new way to serve in Montgomery County. County Executive Ike Leggett has established a local version of the Peace Corps to give five residents an opportunity to dedicate one year of service to our county. We call the program **Montgomery Corps** as it is based on the same call to service issued by President Kennedy five decades ago: "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

We live in such a wonderful community, but not everyone shares in our general prosperity. We know that many of our neighbors face real challenges. The County Executive has created the Montgomery Corps program to strengthen the capacity of our Community Engagement Cluster to engage and empower fully all of our residents. The team of five Montgomery Corps members will focus on strengthening our support of immigrant integration, increasing opportunities to volunteer, and making sure everyone has a place at the policy table as we seek to be America's most welcoming community.

We know that many talented young people are graduating from college and having difficulty finding jobs. The Montgomery Corps program will provide one year of meaningful employment serving others. This will be an experience of a lifetime that will help build skills and knowledge that will serve as a valuable stepping stone toward future jobs in the public, private, or nonprofit sectors.

Here is the posting on Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org/view/job/wjTpf7sDw4/>. Please pass this on to anyone you know who has the spirit to serve and who is able to dedicate a year of service to help us build an even stronger and more just community here in Montgomery County.

County's Highway Services to Begin Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repairs

Crews will be replacing defected sections of curbs or sidewalks to ensure structural integrity, proper drainage, and avoidance of tripping hazards. With this program, **residents will be able to take advantage of discounts** for concrete work under the driveway apron and lead walk repair program.

The project beginning in the Upcounty area is:

* Hoyles Mill Village Subdivision (Poolesville service area) to begin late June, 2013. The project should take about 6-8 weeks weather permitting, with construction occurring between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information on resurfacing projects throughout the county, visit the [Division of Highway Services' website](#) or call 311 (TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Public hearing on the Zoning Code ReWrite is Scheduled for June 11

Check Council's schedule of upcoming hearings to confirm the date and time.

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/FuturePHs.pdf>

Public Meeting: Accessibility to Recreation and Park Facilities

Wednesday, June 12 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Executive Office Building, Lobby Level Auditorium

101 Monroe Street, Rockville

Montgomery County's Commission on People with Disabilities and the County-Wide Recreation Advisory Board host a public meeting to help develop a multi-year plan to improve accessibility for people with disabilities at recreational and park facilities throughout the County.



BlackRock Center for the Arts to Benefit from a Special Concert!

June 29 at 8:00pm

A message from BlackRock ----

In a rare Montgomery County concert appearance, *O'Malley's March Band* promises a fantastic evening of Celtic rock music! **All ticket revenues will go toward BlackRock's arts education programs and performance season!** For details, visit www.blackrockcenter.org.

BlackRock Kicks Off Summer Concert Series!

The annual tradition continues with free summer concerts on BlackRock's outdoor stage at 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown.

- **BG AND THE MOJO HANDS** (D.C.-based blues band)
Saturday, July 06, 2013 7:00 PM
- **US NAVY COUNTRY CURRENT** (Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble)
Saturday, July 13, 2013 7:00 PM
- **THE EMPRESARIOS** (Caribbean)



Saturday, July 20, 2013 7:00 PM

- [THE JAMES BAZEN BIG BAND](#) (swing/jazz)
Saturday, July 27, 2013 7:00 PM

Montgomery County Board of Education Asks for Community Input

"The Montgomery County Board of Education is requesting community input on revisions to Policy BLC, ***Procedures for Review and Resolution of Special Education Disputes***. Copies of the draft policy are available through the Department of Public Information and Web Services by calling 301-279-3391. You also can access the policy and more details on the [MCPS website](#) at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy>.

Individuals who wish to provide comments should respond in writing by July 19, 2013. All responses should be sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 122, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or sent by email to the Board of Education at boe@mcpsmd.org. All responses will be shared with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. [Policy BLC, Procedures for Review and Resolution of Special Education Disputes](#)

Congratulations to Upcounty Volunteers Clara Navarro and Geri Drymalski! ----

Montgomery County Recognizes Volunteers at Community Action Month Celebration

The Marcia Plater Community Action Award for Individual Service was given to Gaithersburg resident Clara Navarro for her volunteer service with the Spanish Catholic Center, part of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. Germantown resident Geri Drymalski received an honorable mention for volunteering as mentors with HOC's Family Self-Sufficiency program. In addition, the Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and D.C. received an honorable mention for volunteer efforts conducting the "**Millionaire's Club**" at multiple Montgomery County Public Schools sites.

See the complete press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9518

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****The Council is on recess until June 10. The next regular Council session is scheduled for June 11.***